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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/007971, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-284034 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-267571 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-241746 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-282642 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-17025 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the International claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submits the following document:

- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/599,374 to KIYOKAWA et al., which was filed on September 27, 2006.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, a copy of the U.S. patent application is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Also, when the above-noted pending application is published, the Examiner is respectfully requested to list its publication number on a PTO 1449 Form (or PTO 892 Form) to confirm consideration thereof.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted Japanese, including the noted English

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language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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